



David Lee Miller

November 1, 1946 - May 3, 2020

On Sunday, May 3, 2020 David Lee Miller, a loving husband, father and grandfather passed away at the age of 73.

Dave, as he was better known, was born on November 1, 1946 in Yakima, WA to Ralph and Ivy (House) Miller. He attended school in Yakima thru the 6th Grade then completed school in Royal City. His Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years were in Othello, as Royal City did not have a High School. He then returned to Royal for his Senior year. Dave graduated in the first class out of Royal High School in 1965. The class consisted of 14 boys and 7 girls. Ralph, Ivy, older brother Willis and Dave broke units out of sagebrush in 1958 and began raising alfalfa and row crops in the newly established Columbia Basin. To help sell the hay, Dave started trucking in 1963. He continued delivering alfalfa, orchardgrass, timothy and straw until December 2019. His goal was to truck for 60 years.

On January 25, 1969 David married Ethel Wallace of Quincy, WA. They welcomed their first son Davey on January 1, 1971 and second son Daniel on November 24, 1973.

Dave had a true love for delivering hay to customers all over Washington. Most of his customers he considered family and they considered him the same. He loved sharing the bounty of the Columbia Basin with his customers. It wasn't uncommon for him to take pounds of potatoes, onions, peaches, apples, asparagus or melons to his ever expanding family. His family included dairyman, employees at feed stores, horse stable owners and equipment

salesman. Everyone whom knew Dave was always thankful for his produce deliveries. When in season, Dave would pick up strawberries, raspberries and blueberries to share with friends and family. He was affectionately given the nickname "BERRY FAIRY" by a longtime family friend.

Dave had an infectious laugh and friendly demeanor that he could strike up a conversation with anyone and by the time they parted ways a friendship was formed. He loved collecting antique farm machinery, traveling with Ethel or his four grandchildren.

Dave was preceded in death by his father, Ralph, mother Ivy, brother Willis and daughter in law Michelle. He is survived by his wife, Ethel, sons Davey (Melanie) and Dan, and four grandchildren, Rylie, Lizzi, Ty and Colin.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the fall.

Tribute Wall

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“ We were blessed to know Dave about 3 years, a very short time indeed. He always greeted us with a smile and offered a word of encouragement. He will be missed by all of us.

Rev. Floyd Laabs - June 06, 2020 at 02:41 PM

LK

“ When you work with the public some people are customers and some people are your friend. David Miller was our friend. He was someone you looked forward to see coming into the office. He always had a smile and something nice to say. We had the pleasure of seeing him and his sons a lot. They have a lot of trailers ya know! What you probably don't know is that he and his family have sent flowers to Diane and I for Mothers day for the last 10 years at least, and why? just because they are the nicest people EVER!

*A Celebration of his life will be held in the fall we read, We shall Celebrate everyday for the privilege of having known him.
Our hearts go out to his family i don't know how you would ever say good bye to a man like Dave.*

God bless, your friends at the DOL.

Lori and Diane

Lori Kinzel - May 22, 2020 at 07:56 PM

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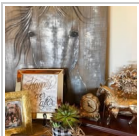
“ Miller Boys started delivering Hay to my parents Dairy Farm in Enumclaw when Millers were just establishing their hay business. Dave many times drove the truck even before he was " legal " to drive a Semi. Always had a smile and happy word to begin the day. Our business relationship quickly turned into a lifelong friendship. Very saddened to hear of his passing. Millers help open the basin . True area pioneers.

Terry Anderson - May 14, 2020 at 03:01 PM

HC

This past week I have been thinking of the wonderful memories had of Dave in the past 70 years. Especially the last 12 to 15 years that we did so many things together with our wives. So many wonderful times, the meals, the laughs which I already miss. Dave was an exceptional person that every one loved and wanted to be with! He will be missed by everyone who ever new him!

Herald Catlin - May 15, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ Instant love for this man (and his beauty of a wife!) when I first met him just a few years ago. Who drives 8 hours EACH way for surprise 40th birthday party? Big Dave! And yes, with apples, or flour, asparagus, or potatoes. Always a blessing. What a special man I will always be grateful to have known. His wings will continue to share love, now from above.

Melinda Wells - May 14, 2020 at 01:15 PM

AM

“ Dave Miller was the kindest, gentlest man I knew! And his delivery of potatoes and apples went as far as Illinois! Our family will forever be grateful for his love & his life! Heaven gained a wonderful angel!

Amber - May 12, 2020 at 09:13 PM

LW

“ I happened to mention to Ethel one day that I would love to find an antique potato planter for Gerard for his birthday . The next day Dave and Danny showed up with an old potato planter in their pickup and unloaded it in our yard. Such a big heart, he was always giving something to someone.
Linda Weyns

linda weyns - May 12, 2020 at 08:25 PM

BK

“ Big Dave was a great guy . I have the same Love and Respect for Dave as I have for my own family. Rest In Peace 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Bernie Karl - May 12, 2020 at 08:11 PM